

Lancaster House
SM-684
22268 Three Notch Road (MD 235)
California vicinity
Circa 1948
Private

The Lancaster House was most likely built *circa* 1948 following the establishment of the Patuxent Naval Air Station (NAS) earlier in the decade. Prior to the formation of NAS, the county's economy was primarily based upon agriculture (tobacco) and fishing, and very little modern development was evident in this portion of the state. In 1940, the population of the Bay district was 1,287; by 1950 it had increased nearly five-fold to 10,575. With this tremendous influx of workers in so short a period, residences were constructed near the base, and later spread to outlying areas along Three Notch Road (MD 235); intense modern commercial development has occurred within the past decade, further transforming the landscape.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-684

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Lancaster House

2. Location

street & number 22268 Three Notch Road (MD 235) _____ not for publication

city, town California _____ X vicinity

county St. Mary's

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Howard A. Lancaster

street & number 6136 Fulmer Road telephone

city, town Frederick state and zip code MD 21702

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel 34-67

city, town Leonardtown liber and folio 123/026

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count		
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<u>X</u> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown			
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use			
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:			

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The residence at 22268 Three Notch Road (MD 235) is located approximately 125 feet east of the road in an area characterized by mixed residential and commercial uses. Several mature trees and shrubs surround the house and a small concrete block building and large frame chicken shed are situated east of the dwelling. The residence and the associated concrete block building currently serve as multiple-family dwellings. A gravel driveway runs along the south side of the property.

The 1.5-story concrete block building has an asphalt shingle gable roof with three gable-roof dormers in the west slope of the roof and a shed-roof dormer in the east slope. A one-story cross-gable-roof addition extends from the west side of the dwelling. An exterior stone chimney rises along the west side of the building and a brick exterior chimney is located in the north elevation. Windows throughout the house consist of two-over-two and six-over-six double-hung sash with brick sills in the first story.

The west, or main, elevation contains seven bays in the first story (north to south): a tripartite picture window with center fixed sash and two-over-two double-hung sash; a door with cross-gable entry porch; a set of paired two-over-two windows; a band of three six-over-six double-hung sash protected with a metal awning; a single two-over-two window and a set of three two-over-two windows in the addition; and a door with a metal awning. The dormers contain single two-over-two double-hung sash. The south elevation includes three two-over-two windows. The east elevation contains six bays on the first story and four in the second story. A modern stair and deck provide access to an apartment on the second story. The north elevation contains two two-over-two windows.

The small concrete block building east of the dwelling currently serves as an apartment. The west elevation contains two doors and two sets of paired windows. There are no bays in the north or south elevations. The east elevation includes three windows.

The frame chicken house is situated east of the concrete block buildings. The southern end of the building has a side gable roof. A door is located in these south elevation and two awing windows are located at the roof line of the west elevation. A shed-roof addition is appended to the north end of the gable-roof building; a single awning window is located in the west elevation of this section. A small shed roof addition is set back and attached to the northern end of the center section.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> maritime	
			<input type="checkbox"/> history	
			<input type="checkbox"/> military	

Specific dates Circa 1948 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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It is unlikely that historic or prehistoric archeological resources are preserved on this property. The extensive disturbance typically associated with construction during the last 50 years is likely to have displaced any archeological resources that may have been on this property. Similarly, commercial and residential development in the vicinity make the survival of archeological resources on adjacent properties unlikely.

Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history. As a result of recent modern development in the immediate area, the property lacks integrity of association, feeling and setting. The conversion of the residence to a multiple-family dwelling has compromised the dwelling's integrity of design, materials, workmanship and location.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments:	
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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Southern Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present

Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category:

Building

Historic Environment:

Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Dwelling

Known Design Source:

None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1634-1990. Ridge, MD (privately published), 1991.
Hughes, Elizabeth. Final Report - St. Mary's County Historic Sites Survey. Valley Lee, St. George Island, Bay and Patuxent Districts. St. Mary's County Department of Planning and Zoning, 1995.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 5 acres

Acreage surveyed 5 acres

Quadrangle name Hollywood, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 67, Map 34, Grid 17

11. Form Prepared By

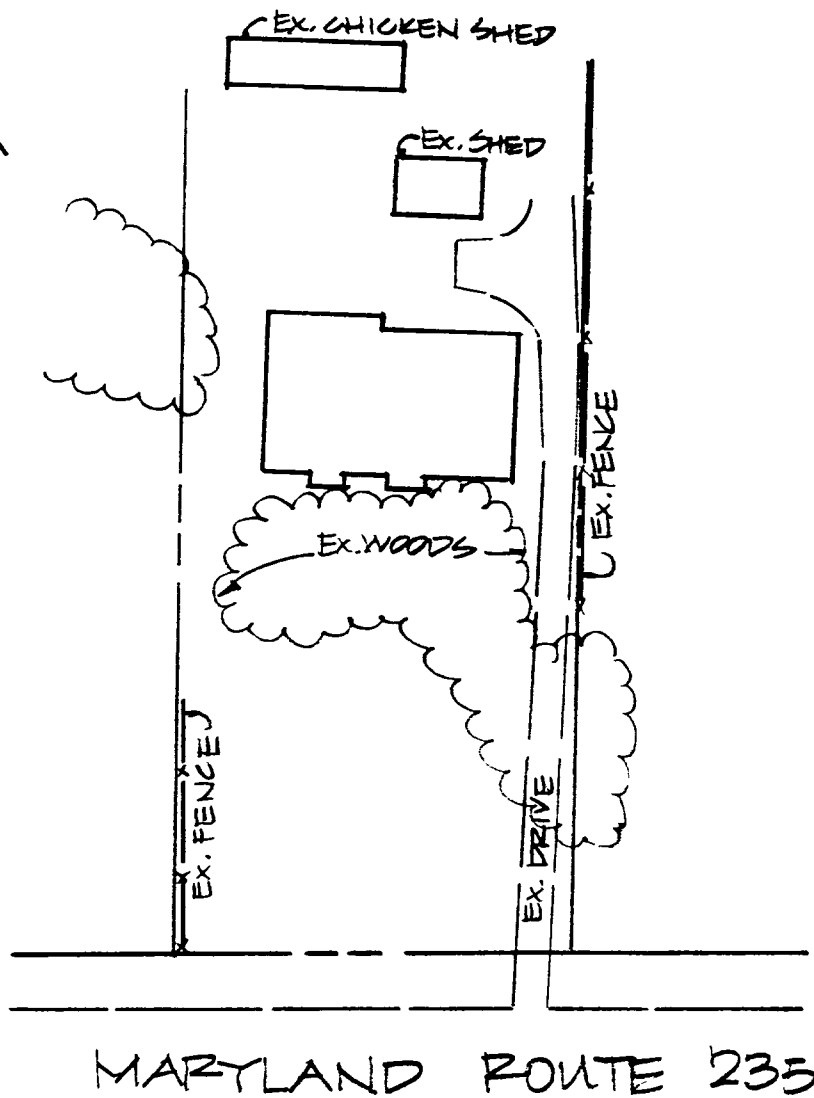
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city or town	Hunt Valley	state and zip code	MD 21030-1888

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NORTH



SCALE: 1"=50'

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Lancaster House, 22268 Three Notch Road
California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.
Resource Sketch Map

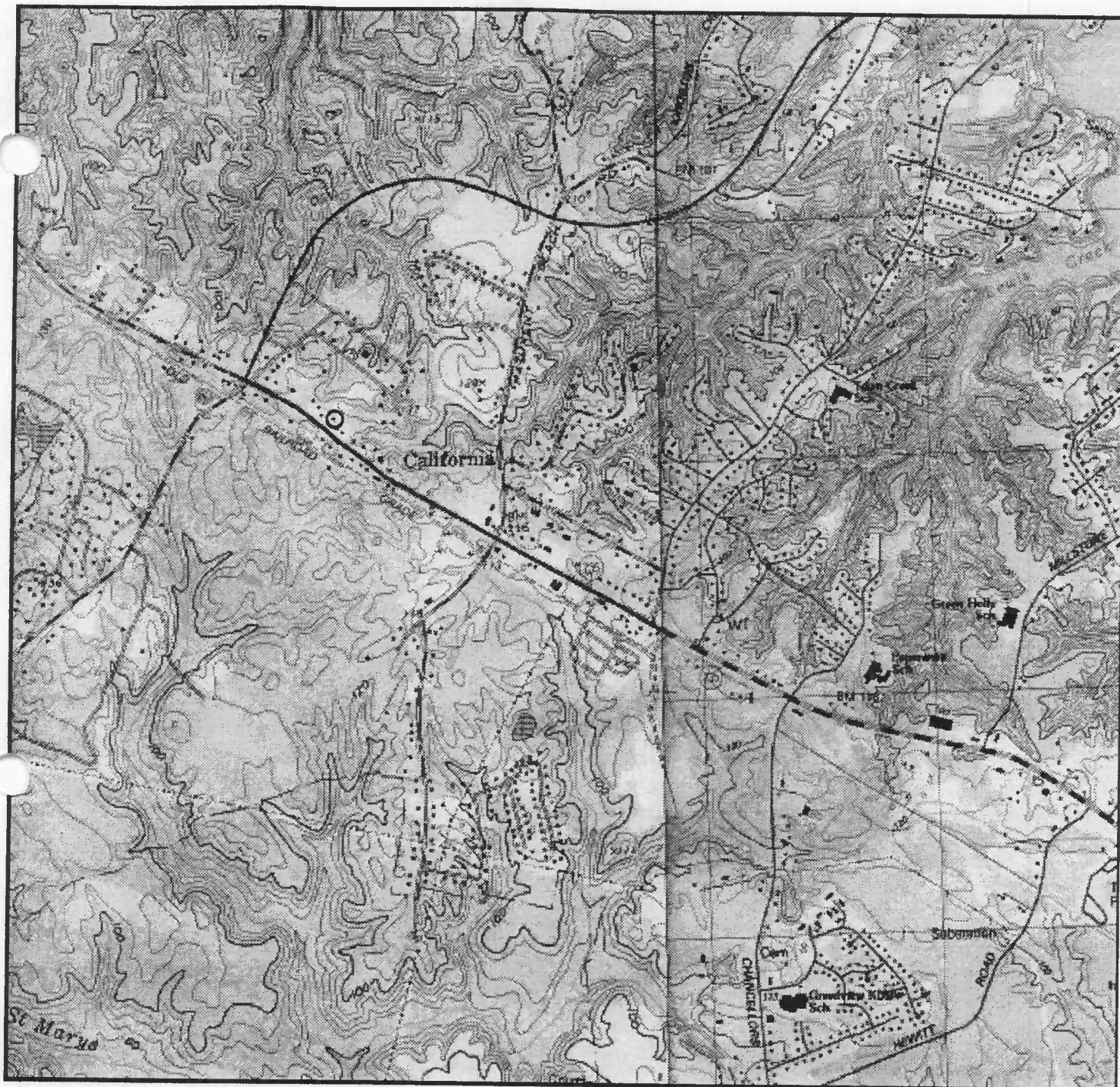


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HUNT VALLEY, MD 21030
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MD 235: MD 4 to MD 246
St. Mary's County, MD

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 Lancaster House, 22268 Three Notch Road
 California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.
 Hollywood, MD USGS Quad
 1963 (Rev. 1984); Solomons Is., MD 1987

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10 NORTH PARK DRIVE
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MD 235: MD 4 to MD 246
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Scale: 1"=2,000'





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MD SHPO

W elev. looking E

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N + W elev. of shed looking SE

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N + W elev. of frame shed looking SE

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